

REMARKS

Applicants have received and reviewed the Office Action mailed March 10, 2009. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 30 and 33-36. The Examiner rejected claims 19-29, 31 and 32. The action was made final.

By this amendment, Applicants are canceling all of the rejected claims, so that only the allowed claims are pending. This amendment should be entered because it puts the application in condition for allowance. No further consideration or search is required by the Examiner. With respect to the reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants traverse the statement to the extent it differs from a mere restatement of the claim language. Applicants further traverse the statement and reasoning insofar as they would lead to or suggest, if at all, an interpretation of the claimed inventions different from the full extent of claim scope afforded thereto by the established law in the absence of the statement of the reasons for allowance.

With respect to the rejections of the cancelled claims, Applicants traverse these rejections and respectfully submit that the Examiner has not given a fair interpretation to the claim scope. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not established a legally proper *prima facie* case of obviousness. In spite of Applicants disagreements with the Examiner, Applicants are canceling these claims in order to expedite prosecution of the application and prevent further erosion of the term of the patent. In addition, Applicants wish to avoid the expense of an appeal.

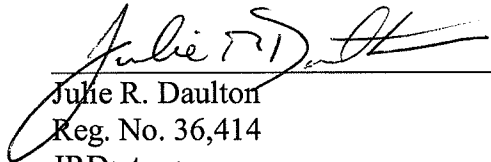
After this amendment is entered, the only claims currently pending have already been allowed by the Examiner. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Reply to Office Action of March 10, 2009

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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